

GLIMPSE OF LIFE IN MINING CAMP

Something About Coal-Diggers of West Virginia and Their Work.

GAMBLING IS VERY RARE

Influence of Churches Everywhere Marked—Young Men Advancing.

(Special Correspondence of The Times-Dispatch.)

FAYETTE, W. VA., Sept. 9.—West Virginia is a coal mining State as much as it is a mountain State, by which latter name it is more generally known.

The resources in coal, gas, oil and lumber are beyond all calculation in quantity and wealth. As for the coal-mining interests, hardly a commencement has been made in developments compared to the thousands of acres of vast coal fields yet untouched except by the prospector's stick and by borings; and these beds of coal cannot be made marketable until railroads reach them. Yet the little development already made is without a parallel in the history of coal-mining in the United States.

Vast Resources.

Thirty years ago the output in West Virginia was only a little over half a million tons a year, but now it is about twenty-seven million tons and increasing every year. Long trains loaded with coal are continually going down the mountains and out from valleys and eastward by main lines carrying the product to government yards, to steamship companies and to iron and steel manufacturing industries. Like trains are going westward as far as Chicago and Milwaukee, where the West Virginia coal successfully competes with coal mined much nearer.

The region along the New and Kenawha rivers is one compact and vast coal field, where the coal is shipped by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and also largely by barges in the Kenawha river. In Fayette county, through which the railroad passes, coal-mining is the main industry, although there is considerable farming and lumbering. From this county alone upwards of six million tons of semi-bituminous coal is being shipped this year—and as elsewhere in the State, the quantity grows greater than it was each preceding year. The mines cannot grow the vast quantity of coal and its wealth in these coal seams—from three to five and six feet thick—which are found between the strata of rocks, and often seen along the sides of mountain roads. In the back part of the county, away from the railroad, on the farms and in virgin forests, seams of coal crop out, and many a farmer can get it easier than to get wood from his forest near at hand.

About the Miners.

But what is especially interesting for general information, is an account of the miners—what kind of people they are and how they live, of whom there are over 10,000 here in Fayette county alone. The coal miners here are nearly all Americans and blacks. There are but few foreigners. The whites, which far outnumber the blacks, are nearly all natives of West Virginia, or from Virginia, and the Carolinas; only a few come from Ohio and Kentucky. Many farmers work in the mines during the winter months. In fact, coal mining is an occupation that not only pays well, but, as an industry, ranks about the same as farming.

No foreign element is speak of, which a force of laborers make a community of peaceable and orderly ways. In some of the largest camps, as at Lookout, on Nuttall Mountain, colored men are not found. Let us stop a little and see this place. The various Fraternities of Masons, Odd-Fellows, Red-men and other societies are represented, and the lodges are in a peaceful condition. The bonds of brotherhood are strong, and nearly all the miners are connected with one or more of these orders.

Influence of Churches.

The religious denominations are represented and they exert the usual influence of churches everywhere. Sunday schools do a great deal of good, but in many mining towns in West Virginia, and the lodges are in a peaceful condition. The bonds of brotherhood are strong, and nearly all the miners are connected with one or more of these orders.

I know one young man in the mining town where he has lived up to the age of 25, and he leaves this fall to engage in raising sheep in New Mexico. Some are inclined to improve themselves by taking courses in the correspondence schools, of which there are many in our country. I know one coal digger, out thirty-five years old, who commenced nearly three years ago with the elements of arithmetic and other studies. He has completed the higher arithmetic, worked every example, he says, and is now in long division in algebra and in the first book in plane geometry. He asked me

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to come in and explain to him something in algebra the other night. His wife came and sat beside us. She looked on so attentively, I said: "Why don't you study algebra with your husband?" and breaking out in laughter, she said: "That is just what I am doing. As he had to commence at the beginning, I thought I could learn, too." After the explanation was given, she showed me a book of ten volumes on mechanics and civil engineering, which he had lately purchased and prized very highly. His wife and children are about him, and while earning money at digging coal, he is digging away at his books a couple of hours at night and becoming an intelligent man, far above the average.

I said to myself: This man will surely be found out some day by the mine operators, who are seeking to raise the standard of competency among mine bosses, engineers and others holding positions of trust. The knowledge of higher mathematics is of daily use for successful work.

Advancing Under Difficulties. A young man, nineteen years of age who works at digging coal, is bound to go to college and graduate from some university. It must be a difficult task to make the required preparation by studying at night alone, under the disadvantage of having worked hard during the day, and having no help except by correspondence, but the disadvantage does not seem insurmountable to him, and I believe he will in time place himself where he wants to be. He earns good wages and pays up money. This keeps him buoyant, and he likes to cultivate the independent spirit.

In point of character there are as fine examples in the lives of some of these stalwart, strong miners as are found anywhere. While they generally do not have a zeal for improvement, they do not sink. They take the banjo and violin; they enjoy the rest which they need and seek recreation with their fellows in the fraternities.

Most every miner's home has an organ or piano. Whether any one can play or not, an organ, and often a very costly one, is at hand. The most costly ones are sometimes found in families utterly illiterate. They seem to think that by owning an organ they can make music by making a noise with it, and do not realize the need of the education of an intelligent child. They seem to think that by owning an organ they can make music by making a noise with it, and do not realize the need of the education of an intelligent child.

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THOMAS—WALL

A Pretty Wedding is Celebrated at South Hill.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SOUTH HILL, VA., Sept. 9.—The Methodist Episcopal Church here was the scene of an unusually pretty marriage Thursday, September the 7th, at high noon, when the nuptials of Miss Leta Faye Wall and Mr. John R. Thomas were solemnized, the Rev. E. F. Parrish officiating.

Miss Mabel Davis, of Skelton, Va., presided at the organ, rendering in a very artistic manner Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus as the bride party advanced to the altar, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March as a recessional. "Meditation" was played very softly during the ceremony.

Miss Davis wore a beautiful blue-green silk. The bride, wearing a karnel silk, entered the church with her brother, Mr. Joel Wall, of Boydton, Va. The church was beautifully decorated, the color scheme of green and yellow being effectively carried out. Mr. Warren Thomas, brother of the groom, was best man. The attendants were Miss Virginia Bracey, Miss Mattie Edmondson, Miss Janie Wall, Miss Lucy Neblett, Miss Annie Thomas, Mr. Thos. A. Bryson, Mr. Jas. A. Smith, Mr. M. W. Gwynn, Mr. E. A. Gilt and Victor G. Eppes. The ushers, Mr. H. P. Wall and Mr. J. H. Gwynn, brothers of the bride.

The bridegroom was attired in dainty white and carried with Persian girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, after a Northern wedding tour, will be at home to their friends in their new home in Mecklenburg Avenue.

NEWS OF HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Lynchburg Horse Show Association's List of Officers.

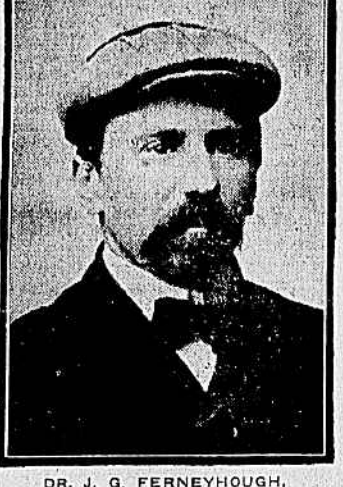
OTHO VAUGHAN AND OLD MIKE

They Are Winners—Amyline, 2:17 1-4—Jimmy Lane Wins \$2,900.

The prize list of the Lynchburg Horse Show Association has been issued, and quite a neat publication it is. This affair comes off during the week preceding the big Richmond show, and the dates are October 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th. The prizes are about the same as those offered at the three previous shows of the association, but the classes are open only to Virginia horses, and those must be owned in the State on the date of closing of entries, September 16th, and must have been so owned for a period of thirty days prior to that date. The officers of the association are representative men, all residents of Virginia, and of a personnel most creditable to the organization represented. They are:

H. M. Sackett, president; Paul C. Edmonds, vice-president; C. S. Adams, secretary; W. H. Ligan, assistant secretary; John M. O'Leary, treasurer; Julian Morris, manager.

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On the last day of August at Sheepshead Bay the brown gelding Otho Vaughan, won the Hempstead cup, a steelpiece, \$1,000 added, distance about 2-1/2 miles, in 5:39, while on the same day Old Mike won another cross country event over the short course at Fort Erie; time, 3:59. Both horses were bred in the Fort Chiswell stud of J. H. McGavock, Max Meadows, Va., who is here Flatlands, sire of the great steelpiece, Land of Clover. Otho Vaughan is out of the gray mare Activity, by Burnham, while Old Mike, who is a nine-year-old chestnut gelding, has for a dam Lallah, by Imp. Charanus, and sire out of Miss Grace, by Edouard, out of Grace Darling, dam of Dabho, by Jonesboro, out of Ninette, sister to Planet, by Revenue, and next dam the famous Nina, by Boston.

The two forthcoming old-fashioned Virginia fairs and race meetings to take place at Roanoke, on September 25th, 27th, 28th and 29th, and at Lynchburg on October 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th, are attracting more than ordinary attention, as they promise to furnish sport and diversion galore for the big crowds likely to attend. The purses aggregate \$5,000, and about equally divided between the two places, and are offered for trotters, pacers and runners. The Roanoke fair has been in existence some years, but that at Lynchburg, known as the Interstate Fair Association, is an organization of recent creation, and back of it are some of the most substantial men in the Hill City. Cyrus T. Fox directs affairs at Roanoke, while Frank A. Lovelock is the secretary at Lynchburg, and both are very busy men now.

Amyline, the bay mare who won the second heat of the 2:21 trot at Baltimore on August 31st, in 2:17 1-4, a reduction of six seconds from her record, 2:23 1-4, made in 1904, was bred by Louis Becker, of Baltimore, but foaled in 1897 at Whitby Farm, near this city. She was sired by Egwood, 2:18 1-2, then owned at Whitby, and later owned by the late H. C. Chamblin, dam the great broodmare Virginia Maid, dam of Mosul, 2:09 1-4, etc., by Sam Purdy, 2:20 1-2. The name of each animal figuring in the pedigree of Amyline is familiar to horse men here, but all have passed to different owners. Egwood is at Columbia, S. C.; Virginia Maid in Washington, and Mosul, the giant son of the latter, is in New York State.

Dr. J. G. Ferneyhough, State Veterinarian, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., will call the Inter-State Association of Sanitary Boards at

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Guthrie, Oklahoma, September 12th, 19th and 14th, where he represents the Virginia live stock interests, and has been invited to deliver an address on the control of infectious and contagious diseases in this section of the country. Dr. Ferneyhough has been appointed veterinarian for both the Lynchburg Fair and Horse Show, and will also serve in a like capacity at the Richmond Horse Show. A Virginian by birth, Dr. Ferneyhough is an untiring worker and a close student, both in theory and practice.

The big chestnut stallion Daybreak, the roughbred son of Imp. Resington and Early Light, by Longfellow, in the stud of Dr. E. L. Robinson, Petersburg, Va., is doing good work there, as his blood is of the refining nature, and cross-country horses, especially of real class, are being bred from his blood. Daybreak, the sire of Daybreak, was almost a full brother to the dead Ormonde, famous the world over as the "Horse of the Century," and now brought into even further prominence as the sire of this season's Futurity winner, Ormonde.

The Virginia-bred steelpiece, Jimmy Lane, chestnut gelding, 5, by His Grace, dam Anna Page, by Hayden Edwards, won \$3,000 at the recent Saratoga meeting. This good cross-country performer is a son of Infusion of the stout blood of Eolus through his sire, His Grace, a son of the dead monarch of Ellerslie, and it is worthy of note how this same strain of blood breeds on, as witnessed by the performances of Charawind, Poorlands and other steelpieces, and likewise the make-up of performers on the flat as well.

The got of Robert Bradley's good stallion Aloha have been in evidence at the Port Erie meeting, and the winners to his credit being Henry Waring, brown gelding, 2, out of Alice H.; Annie Alon, bay filly, 3, out of Annie L.; and Berry Alon, bay gelding, 4, out of Plunk H. All of these were bred at Greenway and Centre Farms, where the sire and dams are owned.

Joseph Lassiter, who directs affairs of the Richmond Horse Bazaar, has returned from the Hot Springs of Virginia, famed in the past for its medicinal qualities for the cure of rheumatism and other ailments.

BROAD ROCK.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

September 10th.

1544—Louis XIV., King of France, killed by a fall from his horse at the age of thirty-eight.

1547—Conspiracy of Placentia, when Louis Farnese, son of Pope Paul III., was assassinated. The place was taken by the conspirators and delivered to the troops of the Emperor Charles V. before daylight next morning.

1759—Second action of Pondicherry, between the British fleet, Admiral Pococke, and the French, under Admiral d'Auche. British loss, 161 killed, 385 wounded. A deserter reported the French loss to have been 1,500 killed and wounded.

1771—Birth of Mungo Park, a celebrated Scottish adventurer. He twice attempted the discovery of the source and outlet of the Niger, so long a source of conjecture with geographers. In the second of which he lost his life, in the thirty-fifth year of his age.

1782—The firing on Gibraltar from the isthmus continued by the Spaniards at the rate of 6,500 cannon shot, and 1,080 shells in every twenty-four hours.

1802—A lunar rainbow observed at Matlock, in Derbyshire, England.

1804—Trouble with the church caused the government of France to banish many priests from that country.

1806—John Christopher Adelung, a celebrated German professor of the University of Erfurt, died. Author of a grammatical critical dictionary of the German language. He was never married, and it was said of him that his writing desk was his wife, and the seventy volumes which he had written were his children. His wine cellar, which was unique, he called his bibliotheca selectissima.

1823—An exciting debate took place in the French Chamber of Deputies on the subject of slave trade.

1852—The Germans evacuated and burned Prussia.

1870—King William, of Prussia, proposed for Emperor of Germany. Negotiations began for the admission into the German Union of the States south of the River Main.

1884—The resignation of the Marquis of Ripon as viceroy of India and the promotion of the Earl of Dufferin to the post were announced by the British government.

1904—Russo-Japanese War: General Rokkai, of the Japanese forces, reported that Russian left 3,000 wounded on the field of battle at Liao Yang; looting of the city begun by Japanese soldiers.

1904—Premier Combes, of France, at banquet, said he intended to ask the Chamber of Deputies to abolish the Concordat.

Would You Care. By Charles K. Harris.

Life your eyes to mine, my darling; Let me see the love-light in you; For you know I love you dearly, And to me there's none so fair. Yet at times I often wonder, Would you care, if I'd dare Tell you that my love has vanished, Tell me, sweetheart, would you care?

Just suppose I should forsake you, Break my vows, leave you alone; Just suppose I should reject you, Take another for my own! Just suppose that duty called me, Would you cry, if I'd die? And my eyes were closed forever, Tell me, sweetheart, would you care?

Would you care if I should leave you? Would you care if I should part? Would you care if some one told you That another won my heart? I read some years ago of a large turtle farm. Do you know of it? Is turtle raising profitable?

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QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Mr. Ryan's Address. Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Please give address of Thomas F. Ryan in Sunday's Times-Dispatch. Respectfully, New York city.

Transferring Stock. Editor Times-Dispatch: Sir,—In transferring stock is it necessary to appoint an attorney to do so, or is the signature of the seller sufficient. Please answer and oblige, a constant reader of your up-to-date journal. The service of an attorney is not necessary.

Game Protection. Editor Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Please publish in your query column on Sunday the name and address of the president or secretary of the Virginia Game Protective Association, and greatly oblige. A SUBSCRIBER. Dr. J. B. Fisher, president, Middlethian, Va.

The Money Centre. Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Please answer in your Sunday Times-Dispatch query column whether there is as much money in New York city as there is in Pennsylvania State, and oblige. A SUBSCRIBER.

Exclusive of what may be stored in the Philadelphia mint, awaiting shipment, there is probably more money in New York city than in the whole State of Pennsylvania.

Mexican War Pensions. Editor Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Please answer in next Sunday's Times-Dispatch query column the following questions:

Is the sister of an unmarried brother who lost his life in the Mexican war entitled to a pension from the United States? CONSTANT READER. Sept., 1905. No.

Only Imagination. Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Please state in your query column of next Sunday if there is any animal known as the gyrocule, and if there is, what is its habitat? Or is there any animal with two legs shorter on one side than those on the opposite side?

J. E. JERDENE, Providence Forge, Va.

The animals referred to exist only in Mark Twain's vivid imagination.

Deadly Poison. Whittles, Va., Sept. 5. Editor Times-Dispatch: Sir,—A Prohibitioner bar-room made all night near my house 10 days ago an awful mess of a pint of hickory and a mother has come in in a daze. Can you tell me what cause it if you can't tell me what cause it please tell me where I can have it analysed and what it will cost. Yours truly, H. P. H.

That "mother" is deadly poison. Taste not, touch not and handle not, and above all things do not have it "Analysed." It might blow up a whole county.

Safe Telephone Wires. Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Please advise me if there is any more danger in having a telephone wire run through a house, in time of electric storms, and oblige. A SUBSCRIBER.

If the wires are properly run and the connections properly made, there is no danger. In fact, if there be any virtue in lightning rods, a house with a properly connected telephone or telegraph wire is safer from lightning than one without them.

It's An Aged Custom. Ontario, Va., Sept. 8. Editor Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Please state in your next Sunday's issue if the custom now in vogue for a married lady to use her maiden name as her middle name is not correct. How did the custom originate?

By answering your query you will oblige an old subscriber. A. W. GHOLSON.

It is a custom as old as the Saxon race. It came to Virginia from England and is eminently proper.

Jasper's Sermon. Editor Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Will you please publish the sermon of John Jasper, "The Sun Do Move." By so doing you will greatly oblige an OLD READER.

Davis Mills, Va., 1905. Cannot oblige you. The sermon has been printed in pamphlet form and is copyrighted. You can buy it through a book store.

Overdrafts at Bank. Manchester, Va., Sept. 6, 1905. Editor Times-Dispatch: Sir,—Please answer this in your Sunday's issue, and oblige a constant reader of your valuable paper:

If A has an account at a certain bank and overdrafts, can the bank force him to pay the amount overdrawn? Yours truly, A READER.

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Brown Bread. Bremsa Bluff, Va., Sept. 5, 1905. Editor Times-Dispatch: Sir,—I notice frequent reference in health magazines to brown bread. Please inform me through your Sunday column out of what this bread is made and how it is made. A READER.

Brown bread is risen with yeast and baked, or steamed done. The proportions for mixing are much the same as those for white bread except that more sugar is added for the brown, which is made from the unbaked and boiled flour in the proportion of three-quarters of the former and one-quarter of the latter.

As to Turtles. Union Hall, Franklin Co., Va., July 12, 1905. Editor Times-Dispatch: Sir—I am quite anxious to know all about the life, habits, food, etc., of turtles. Please tell me where I can get the information. I read some years ago of a large turtle farm. Do you know of it? Is turtle raising profitable?

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